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Fall family festival: best one yet

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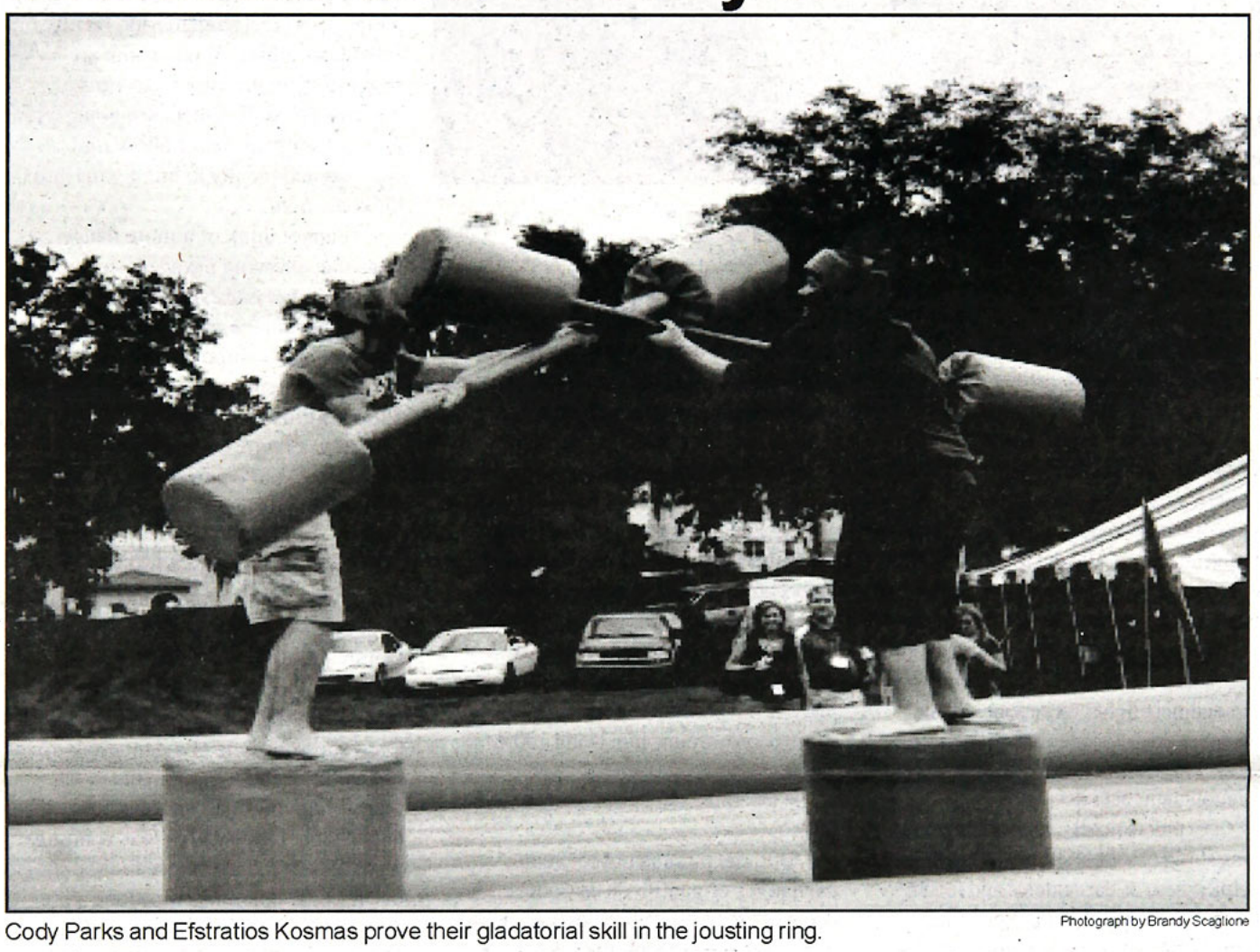
This year's theme for Fall Family Festival was "A Whole New World," and with the opening of the new student center, it felt very much like one.

Camel rides, snake charmers, and magicians dressed in Middle Eastern attire helped to fulfill the theme. Students, families, and alumni all showed up for this weekend's festivities.

The entertainment was of wide variety this year. To fit the theme of "A Whole New World," Saint Leo provided the festival with belly dancers, snake charmers, and camel rides. For some traditional entertainment, Nashville Express provided some great oldie tunes as guests explored the festival. As always, the rock-climbing wall was a big hit with students, and the jousting ring provided an old world means for male students to prove their manhood.

"I'm having a lot of fun," said Chad Yard, son of Karen Mapp-Yard, an adult student at Saint Leo. "My favorite thing to do is the rock wall."

Many Saint Leo clubs came out and operated their own booths this year. Every booth had something exciting to offer its guests for a low price. Psychology Club provided dream analysis and phrenology. Sociology Club offered tarot and rune readings, while the Social Work Club supplied candy bars and a fish raffle. *The Lions' Pride* offered baked goods and cotton candy.



Cody Parks and Efstratios Kosmas prove their gladatorial skill in the jousting ring.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione

All these clubs and many more had an opportunity to partake in contests to win money from Saint Leo's Student Government Union. Among these contests were the jousting competition, an obstacle course, and a scavenger hunt.

"The food was excellent and there is great entertainment here!" said Linda Kaszuba, a guest who was enjoying the festival.

Sodexho catering did it again as they provided a great variety of themed food. Attendees could start with a salad, grab some pasta (topped with theirchoice of marinara or alfredo sauce), add some chicken skewers, and end with cookies and cakes for dessert.

As the day wore on and clubs packed up their booths, entertainment did not wear out. When the festivities in "the bowl" drew to a close, guests went to watch soccer and baseball games. Others went to visit and take tours of the new student center.

Saint Leo theater students put on productions of *"The Good Doctor"*

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School shooting in Ohio sparks interest in safety

BY AMANDA CAIN
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The recent shooting at a Cleveland High School on Wednesday, October 10 once again raised eyebrows at the issue of safety in the world of education.

The 14-year-old freshman, Asa H. Coon, walked into Success Tech Academy armed with two .38 caliber revolvers, wounding two teachers and two students before killing himself. CNN reported that the day before the shooting, Coon said, "I got somethin' for you all" after he had been suspended for fighting. When the incident was over, several students reflected to authorities that Coon was always a bit off; he had threatened to blow the school up and stab everybody on multiple occasions.

As school shootings continue to prevail as one of the top concerns in our society, there are many misconceptions as to what sort of person commits mass terror and how tragedies can be prevented. In this particular case, Coon fits what most believe is the typical description of a student who snapped. The kind of person the majority of people picture as being a conventional mass murderer, however, is usually inaccurate.

According to Microsoft/National Broadcasting Company (MCNBC), there are a few common myths about school shooters. First, there is no real profile for people who commit mass school violence; the picture of teens in Gothic clothes and makeup is simply a stereotype. Any person, of any race, of any gender can commit a school shooting. School shooters don't just "snap." Although it can happen quickly, shooters typically progress from forming the idea, to creating a plan, to gathering the weapons, and then to initiating the act. And, there is usually someone else who knows about the plan of attack before it actually happens. Most attackers never threaten specific targets, but do talk about bringing a gun to school or being angry at classmates or teachers. School shooters are not always loners; instead, they are active in school clubs, activities, and sports. Only one-third of all school shooters worked with a mental health professional, and only one-fifth were diagnosed with a mental ailment prior to attack. Even if schools install metal detectors and increase security, if a student is completely committed to killing himself and others, he will find a way to do it.

One of the areas Dr. Tammy Zacchilli, Ph.D., of Saint Leo University is interested in and has studied in the past is the effect of social exclusion on people. Although there isn't a specific profile for school shooters, there are particular behaviors that can mark the possibility of violence. Many shooters complain of feeling bullied and victimized, or ostracized, by others. Ostracism is a type of rejection that can lead to several harmful emotions including anxiety, anger, and depression.

Zacchilli points out one important study on social exclusion conducted by Leary, Kowalski, Smith, and Phillips (2003) in which 15 case studies of school shootings were analyzed to determine possible causes of school violence. Although school shootings are an extreme reaction to social exclusion, the findings suggest that the perpetrators of the most fatal school shooting, Columbine, belonged to an ostracized group and were picked on by athletes at the school. It is important to note that while many children are bullied, only a few respond with immediate aggression. They usually attempt to get administrators

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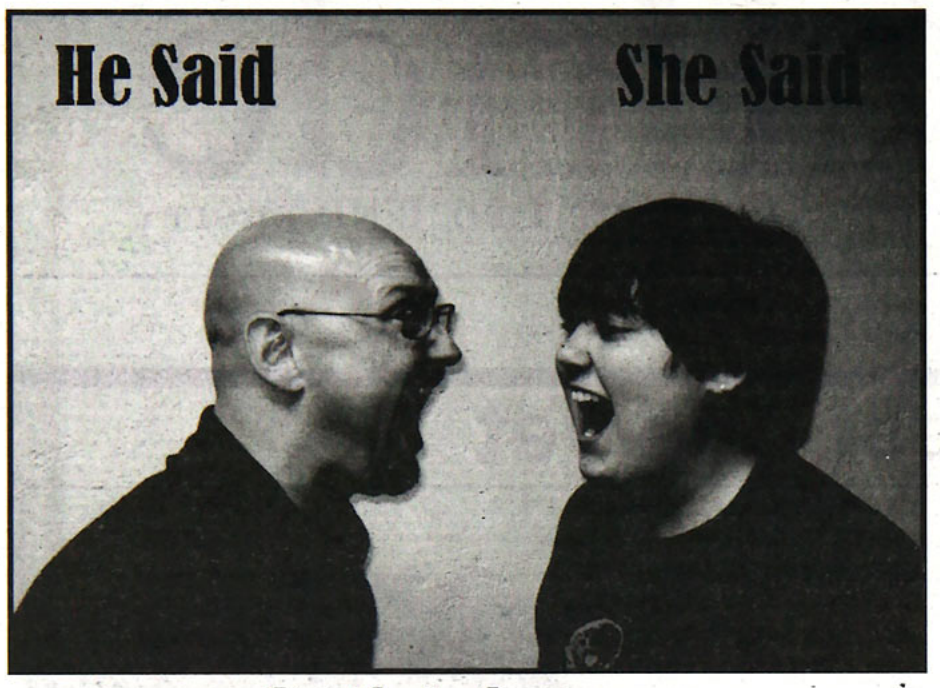

Self defense: A constitutional right

BY JOSHUA M. SMITH
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The Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America states that the right of citizens of this country to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. Yet, citizens routinely forfeit their Second Amendment rights when they walk into so-called "gun free zones" such as college campuses. By requiring students and faculty to give up their Second Amendment rights, these zones, while meant to create a safe environment to work and learn, actually create an ideal environment for violent crime.

An unfortunately common thread in a long string of school shootings has been the helplessness of the students and faculty when faced with an armed assailant. Surprisingly, crazed madmen don't seem phased by "gun free zone" notices. If anything, they are emboldened by them.

And, why shouldn't they be? When planning his attack, the gunman needn't worry about the possibility of armed resistance to his attack, because law abiding citizens will follow the "gun free zone" rules. Such usurpations of citizens' rights make shooting up schools and college campuses a safer proposition than robbing the local liquor store, where the owner may in fact have a gun behind the counter.

No such worries on campus. Even campus security officers are rarely armed themselves. Our safety is left in the hands of police and sheriff's departments sometimes based miles away. Thus, we give the initiative to the shooters rather than retain the ability to defend ourselves during such an attack.

Imagine if a shooter had to worry about members of the faculty and student body carrying concealed firearms when they planned their attacks. All of the sudden, the shooter would have to worry about getting shot himself. The danger for him has just gone up exponentially. Instead of the people around him being 100% defenseless targets, some of those people might be armed defenders ready to strike back.

But, the point is not to create exchanges of gunfire on campuses. The point is deterrence. While nothing can stop criminally insane people from doing the unthinkable, there is no reason we should not make the equation of planning a campus attack as difficult and costly for them as possible.

Psychological testing failed at Virginia Tech. Seung-Hui Cho had been found to be a danger long before he ever fired a shot. His teachers had pointed out that his writings had been disturbing. However, the university provided Cho with other rights that worked to the fatal detriment of his fellow students, namely the right to privacy. Thus protected, Cho had all the time he needed to buy his guns (observing the legal waiting periods), plan, and implement his attack.

And, once he stepped out of his dorm room door, he did so safe in the knowledge he was the only armed person on campus.

School and university administrations ensure our rights to privacy, free speech, and even our right to drink alcohol. Why then are we not allowed our Constitutional right to defend ourselves? Why is this most important right forfeited every time we set foot on campus?

Because citizens across the country continue to be fooled into believing that posting a sign bearing the words "gun free zone" will magically protect them from the unthinkable. Perhaps, we should start considering another "unthinkable" proposition: allowing faculty and students to exercise their Constitutional right to defend themselves, which we are guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

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Put down those guns and listen

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In light of the tragic events this year, such as the Virginia Tech shootings and more recent high school shootings in Ohio, an ongoing debate is rising throughout the country about the ways in which to protect students and faculty on school campuses. While some are suggesting an increase in security devices and staff, others are going as far as proposing the idea of allowing students and faculty to bring guns into the classroom.

I cannot think of a more dangerous idea than allowing a student to carry a gun around as naturally as a cell phone. While the chance of an attack always exists on any campus, there are better ways to prevent such a thing before allowing kids to carry guns. I firmly believe everyone has a right to protect themselves, but coming to class with a 9mm hand gun everyday certainly doesn't seem necessary.

The truth is, many school shootings can be prevented if the students communicate what they see and hear to faculty or security. According to *CNN.com*, the 14-year-old shooter of an alternative high school in Cleveland, Ohio showed signs of a dangerous nature and even made threats to his fellow classmates about "shooting up" the school. There were clear warning signs up to a month before the shootings occurred, and nothing was done about it. This is how tragedy strikes. Threats like this should always be taken seriously and reported immediately.

Perhaps people believe students on a college campus are more capable of handling a gun at any given time. The reality is, however, young adults are no better than their younger brothers and sisters.

Allowing everyone to freely carry a gun is a bad idea for many reasons. First, think of the idea of combining guns with drunken guys and girls who can barely stand. This doesn't sound like a very smart idea. Second, what about the students who may be dealing with severe depression and thoughts of suicide? Is it really smart for them to either have a gun of their own or access to about a thousand others? And lastly, what about that one angry, unstable student who may have the capacity to do such terrible things? These people would have access to guns everywhere they turned. Not everyone can buy a gun, but anyone can steal one.

School campuses will never be able to fully prevent random school shootings. However, they can prevent gun danger every other day of the year. The risks of having guns in and out of the classroom are not worth the tragic accidents that can result. Perhaps, keeping eyes and ears open for any suspicious or concerning behavior is the best way students can prevent tragedy from happening. These tips could be the key to saving fellow students and faculty lives.

Boggy Creek, where lives are changed

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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Boggy Creek Gang Camp, Harley-Davidson, and Paul Newman saved my life when I was 12.

I have lupus, an autoimmune deficiency that ruled my life. Well, that is until I went to Boggy Creek. Now, at the age of 19, I still have lupus, but it does not have me anymore.

Boggy Creek is a camp specifically designed for children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Never in my life have I ever been to a place more magical and life-changing. I arrived there in a wheelchair, but I left walking.

Sunday, October 14, marked the 13th annual bike run to raise money for Boggy Creek. More than 1000 bikers showed up, despite the presence of rain clouds. I was overwhelmed to see the amount of people who actually cared. I could hear the motorcycles coming from more than five miles away as they roared up to Boggy Creek's entrance.

Going back to a place I literally owe my life to was very emotional. Even the big, tough bikers got choked up as the significance of what they came together to do hit them.

Boggy Creek has served more than 12,000 kids since it first opened its doors in 1996.

"Fun, fun, fun is the best medicine," states the Boggy Creek website. It has 232 acres that consist of tall pines, majestic oaks, nature trails, and two great fishing holes. Campers are empowered to do things they never dreamed they could do. They are infused with a spirit of accomplishment at every turn and are allowed to forget they have what they have.

Boggy Creek is fully equipped with a hospital, a pool with a built-in ramp, a theatre, a gym, and recreation area, among many other things, which were donated by Sea World, Universal Studios, the Orlando Magic, and various other organizations.

It is amazing what money can do, but it is even more amazing what generous people with money can do. Everything used and provided during the bike run, from the lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse to the volunteer entertainment to the Grand Marshal, famous Irish tenor, Ronan Tynan, was donated and run by volunteers.

Chills ran down my spine as Tynan sang "God Bless America" in the most passionate and intense voice I ever heard live. Later, after his performance, I got the

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Candidate Corner

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Over the next few issues, *The Lions' Pride* will be presenting profiles of the presidential candidates who will be on the ballet for Florida's presidential primary on January 29. The candidates' platforms are no way an inflection the opinion of the staff; it is our goal to provide a objective overview of each candidate for the people on campus.

Barack Obama

Democrat Barack Obama was born in Hawaii on Aug. 4, 1961; he is 48 years old. Obama attended Columbia and Harvard university, he served in the Illinois state Senate, and, in 2004 was the third African American to be elected into the U.S. Senate.

Obama supports an increase in federal college aid; he plans on increasing the amount of the Federal Pell Grants and supports the federal Direct Loan program to protect student borrowers. According to Obama's official presidential candidate website, he has a plan to immediately begin withdrawing one or two brigades every month from Iraq; the prospective project would be completed by the end of next year. Obama believes in helping low-income families and has a plan to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050. He would like to lower healthcare cost and create a new national health plan.

Mike Gravel

Democrat Mike Gravel was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on 5/13/1930; he is 77 years old. Gravel attended Columbia University, served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954, and previously served as an Alaska senator and as a public official before hitting the campaign trail.

According to Gravel's official campaign website, he supports government funding of education from pre-kindergarten to higher education by re-ordering national budgets. Gravel also considers the war on drugs to be a failure and believes prohibition should end. He also believes having an abortion is a woman's choice. Gravel finds that an immediate withdrawal from Iraq is necessary. Gravel supports the idea of a universal healthcare system and a guest worker program, as well as naturalization procedures that bring immigrants fairly into legal status.

Rudy Giuliani

Republican Rudy Giuliani served as the mayor of New York City from 1993 to 2001. During his years as mayor of America's largest city, the number of murders in the city dropped by 66 percent and welfare roles dropped by 60 percent. Giuliani either reduced or eliminated 23 different city taxes and turned a $2.3 billion deficit into a multi-billion dollar surplus.

Giuliani has come under fire by social conservatives for his pro-choice and pro-gun control views, as well as his numerous marriages. However, he currently enjoys a commanding lead in national polls, making him the presumptive Republican nominee. But, his national lead could be threatened by an early primary win by Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson in Iowa or New Hampshire.

Ron Paul

Republican Ron Paul served as a congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 1970s and 1980s. After resigning his congressional seat in 1984 to resume his medical practice, Paul returned to Congress in 1997. Paul ran for president in 1988 as the Libertarian Party nominee while remaining registered as a Republican.

Paul's signature issue is his opposition to the war in Iraq. In fact, he is the only Republican presidential candidate to be for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from the Middle East and other regions. His libertarian views make him attractive to fiscally conservative and socially moderate Republicans. Though his national polling numbers remain at or below three percent, Paul is particularly popular with younger voters.

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and teachers to intervene. It is when they believe their attempts are futile that violence may result. In order to gain back the power and dignity they feel others have taken from them, they lash out at any and everyone.

Although many experts blame violence in the media for school deaths, according to Psychiatry Online, there is no real way of knowing if there is a direct relationship. Many studies have concluded that violence in children doesn't come from one specific source; otherwise, it would be easy to prevent school shootings. Instead, aggression develops from the accumulation of stressors including family and school environment, brutal media images, lack of attention, and so on. The way a child or teen perceives the images he sees, the words he hears, and the experiences he encounters are certainly factors in developing violent thoughts and tendencies.

The 2007-2008 *Your Right to Know* handbook assures students that, "the SLU Office of Campus Safety exists to protect life and property and prevent crime. The Campus Safety staff of Saint Leo University recognizes that the university is part of the community and experiences the risks and threats of society as a whole. Saint Leo University has established programs and systems invdving personnel, procedural methods, and physical means to provide as safe and secure an environment on campus as possible."

Mrs. Jerome Helton, director of Campus Safety, reports that Saint Leo University has taken several precautionary steps this year to ensure safety, including installing new cameras all over campus; hiring two guards to stand watch from Tuesday through Saturday, as opposed to just one as in previous years; circulating field interrogation reports for suspicious activity, and instituting a "Lock it or Lose it" program, where students receive warnings for unlocked dorm rooms.

Another new program SLU is introducing is a form of mass communication throughout campus. If an emergency occurs, everyone on campus will be notified of the event and any procedures that need to be taken by a recording sent to all campus telephones.

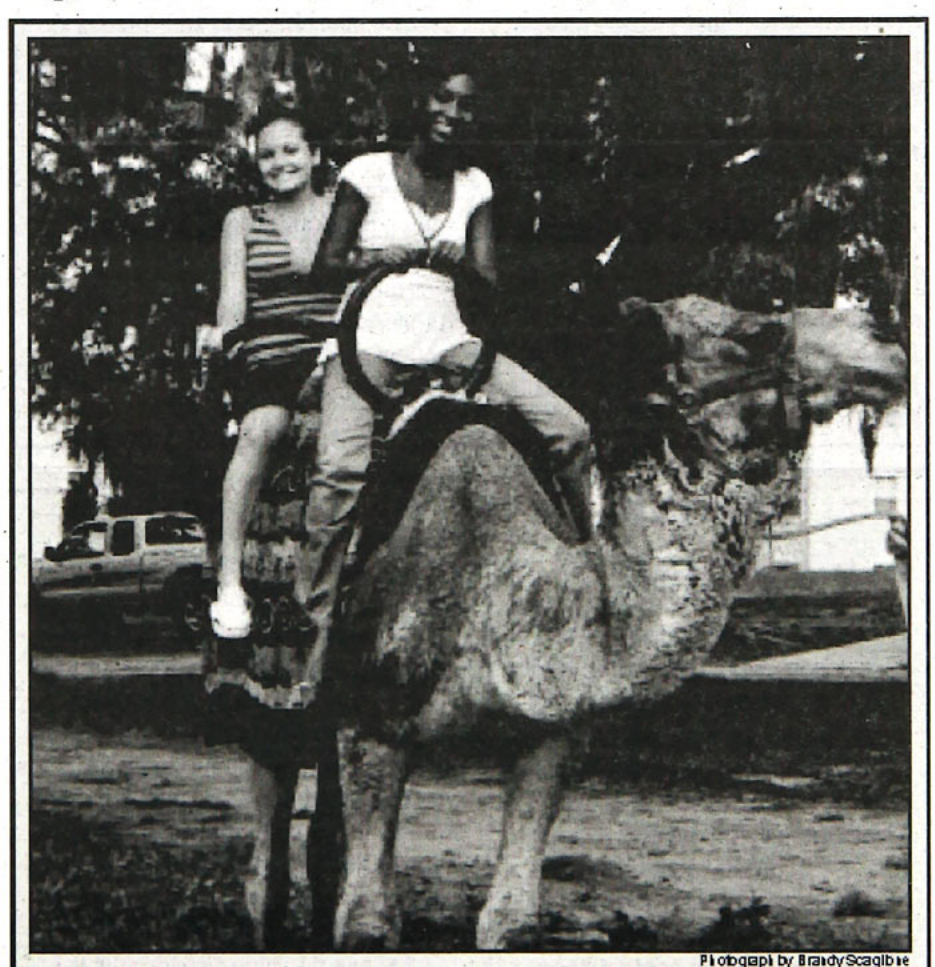
"The best way to prevent crime and violence on campus is to get everyone from teachers to students to security to work together as a team; as one unit against wrong doing," said Helton. Although I cannot personally control what happens outside of campus, it is my job and my purpose to do everything possible to keep the students at Saint Leo safe."

The general consensus at Saint Leo is that the campus is not a place of fear or danger.

"I really don't have any worries about violence on campus – I feel very safe at Leo," said senior Caitlyn McGibbon.

Because human behavior is so incredibly unpredictable, there is no concrete solution to the problem of school violence. There are a few steps everyone can take, however, to increase the chances and effectiveness of prevention. According to MSNBC, it is vitally important people learn and recognize early warning signs. Even though society cannot look into the minds of those with severe mental harms, they can observe erratic behavior. Some of the physical symptoms of a person under intense duress include headaches, stomach aches, excessive worry, increased arguing, irritability, withdrawal, loss of concentration, trouble sleeping or eating, or, most obvious, extreme talk of pain, anger, damage, hurt, or depression.

It can be disconcerting and downright frightening to feel the need to report someone suspected to be experiencing thoughts of mass violence. However, as history has shown, it is even worse to do nothing. As the saying goes, if you see something, say something.



Photograph by Brandy Scaglione

Students Melissa Ramos and Renell David enjoy a camel ride.

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at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The play consisted of eight small acts and one 15-minute intermission. The 8 o'clock show filled Selby over its capacity. What was even more amazing was that a fireworks show just so happened to coincide beautifully with the intermission, almost as if the crew had put the show on themselves.

Parents and students who did not attend the show were not without entertainment. A small concert was held behind the student center by Saint Leo's favorite faculty band, Time Warp, where parents and students could dance and enjoy drinks throughout the cool evening.

All in all, Saint Leo certainly put on a Fall Family Festival few will forget.

A downward shot of the new cafeteria

Photography by Brandy Scaglione

Community Center brings style as well as practicality

BY BRANDY SCAGLIONE
Lions' Pride Photographer

Finally, its doors have opened! The Saint Leo Student Community Center has opened, and it is nothing short of amazing. With a new cafeteria, snack shack, student center, and boardrooms, students will have a place to study, eat, and chill out.

Ever since the demolition of the old student center in 2006, students have felt a loss of community at Saint Leo. Students have mentioned they miss going into the student center and meeting fellow students in a common place without the use of their personal dorm rooms.

"I like the new center," says junior Christina Williams. "I rarely see students there by themselves. People go there to meet up with one another and just talk."

With a style like that of Starbucks, the new Student Center is stylish and comfortable. The cafeteria has all new cooking equipment and booths and tables to sit at with a beautiful and familiar view of "the bowl." Upstairs sits the new and improved snack shack. A new soda machine, coolers, coffee machine, and cookie oven make the shack worth the visit.

Also upstairs are the conference rooms. What seems like one huge conference center can also be split into three separate rooms by dividers. Each room is equipped with a projection screen and sound system. Along side the conference center are numerous tables and lounge chairs that give a coffee shop atmosphere to the student lounge. On either side of the lounge, a huge plasma television screen is visible for the students' pleasure.

While some parts of the new center are still under construction, students around campus are singing praises of the new center. Katie Heintz, a recent Saint Leo graduate of the class of 2006, came by to see the new center.

"The new center is amazing. I saw the plans last year and it looks great," Heintz said. "My favorite part is the student community lounge upstairs. I wish it could have been finished before I left."

As students walk to the student center, they can't forget to visit the new campus bookstore. With an entire new look, the bookstore is remnant of a Barnes and Noble. New clothing as well as new sales have been in place since its opening, so students should be sure to check it out soon!

Peace and serenity on the lakefront

BY JIMMI MUCILLI
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Looking for someplace to relax and have fun? Look no farther. There is a place on campus where most outdoor activities are held: the lakefront.

Located behind Apartment Four, the lakefront is a place where students can enjoy a game of volleyball, boats on the weekend, or sometimes attend a barbeque.

Being completed at the beginning of 2005, the lakefront went through massive reconstruction.

"I can remember when it looked like a jungle," said senior Charles Billotti. Billotti, founder of the lakefront project, started it for his sport business major as volunteer hours.

Fr. Michael Cooper, clergyman and professor, thought this particular "jungle" could be used for other than just a place to hideout.

Fr. Cooper and Billotti started by hacking away at the growth of various plants, weeds, and tree stumps that had accumulated over the years. Other organizations, such as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, helped out as well. It took about two months for them to completely clear the brush. After that, they remodeled the little pier that was used for the boats.

When this was completed, another project started: what to put there that would attract students to this new ground. One such thought was to make a sand volleyball court. It took the summer months of 2006 to complete this project. Finally, the project became a reality. It took a while for students to realize there had been a newly remodeled lakefront.

"I didn't even know that there were activities that were offered there," said junior Robert Bellew. "I just went there because of the fishing dock."

However, as the school and Fr. Cooper collaborated together and offered more and more activities, students began to come out of curiosity. From outdoor mass to fraternity and sorority sponsored events, the lakefront quickly became a fun place to be.

There are canoes that are available to use for students only on the weekends. This is because this is the only time a lifeguard is on duty. There is also a catamaran that is available to sail and lessons for those who want to learn how to sail.

While they don't offer jet skis at the Lake Front, students are welcome to bring them. Students are also welcome to fish or relax on the newly built dock. For late night fishing, students are recommended to bring a friend for safety reasons. The lakefront is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For now, the lakefront is fairly empty unless there is an activity taking place.

"We go there sometimes to just chill," said juniors Bellew, Daniel Losey, and Nick Nunes. "The serenity helps us relax and focus on tasks ahead."

Come down and witness the joys the lakefront has to offer. From boating to relaxing, anyone can find something to do with friends or alone. Any questions should be directed to Suzanne Hollis, director of recreation.

THANK YOU!

The Lions' Pride team of editors would like to thank all those who participated in this year's Fall Family Festival. The newspaper raised close to $100 this year! Thank you to all who contributed their time and money. We greatly appreciate it!

A special thanks goes out to Dr. Gregory Gaiser (AKA Mr. Biggs) for his tremendous contributions. Without him, we surely would've not been so successful.

Corrections

The Lions' Pride staff would like to apologize for the following errors in the October 12th issue of *The Lions' Pride*:

-The new theater professor is David McGinnis

-Chelsea Shoemaker is the author of the Father Stephan article

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chance to meet him. Tynan is a nearly seven foot tall man who has a heart nearly twice as big as his stature.

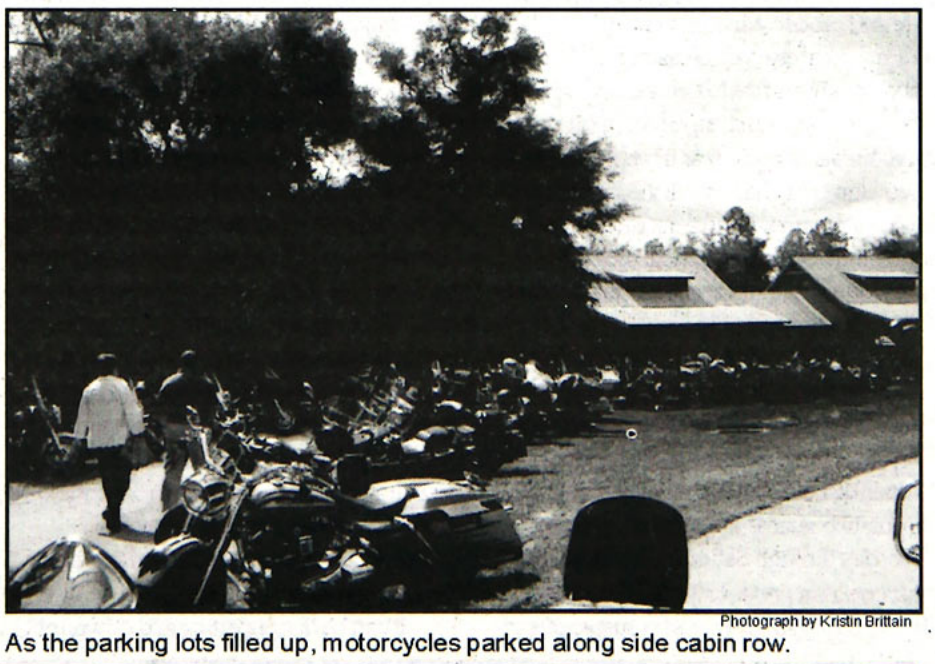
He grasped my hand in his bear-like grip as my mom told him I was a former camper. He asked me how I was doing, and he explained how happy he was about my progress. The genuine sincerity is his voice shocked me. Then, I looked around and got the full scope of how compassionate and generous people really are, especially from what I thought of as the least likely type of people.

Dorcus, the camp director, took the stage afterwards. She is the most energetic and caring person I have ever encountered in my life. She spoke about how the camp is based on love, and she said laughter and fun is the best medicine. Her words of thanks brought tears to my eyes and many around me because she spoke the truth.

Without the $500,000 from this weekend alone, and the $3.5 million dollars over the past three years that Bruce Rossmeyer, founder of the bike run, and owner of several Harley-Davidson stores, has generated, Boggy Creek would not be here, and I probably wouldn't be here.

Make a Difference day is October 27. After returning to Boggy Creek for the first time, I can truly appreciate what "making a difference" means.

How do you thank the people who saved your life? I don't think you ever can, but you can serve others in return. I implore you to give back to whomever gave to you or even if they haven't. It will change your life; I promise.



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As the parking lots filled up, motorcycles parked along side cabin row.

Around Campus...

TKE baseball game draws Monster crowd

Photographs by Kristin Brittain

Picture one: Andy Cistone, Justin Donnelly, and Tyrell Johnson with Monster drink coolers. Picture two: Derek Molina hits a home run for TKE Red. Picture three: TKE Red and Black come together after the game.

BY KRISTIN BRITTAIN
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On Thursday October 11, testosterone mixed with Monster energy drinks over-powered the baseball field as Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) split into TKE Red vs. TKE Black.

Intramurals are in full swing at Saint Leo University, but no game has yet to bring so many spectators out to the field.

"There are a lot of people out here tonight," said sophomore Grio O'Bryan.

TKE receives sponsorship from Monster energy drink.

"Every month we get 25 cases of Monster; this is our first big Monster event," said TKE member, Tyrell Johnson.

Rambunctious TKE Black entered the game as the under-dogs, but exhibited more team spirit than the very serious TKE Red. Even after a crushing defeat of TKE Red eleven, to TKE Black two, TKE Black didn't let that keep their spirits down.

After the ninth inning ended with full knowledge of the loss, TKE Black rushed the field to embrace their fellow brothers, still proclaiming they are number one.

A place just for us: College.com

BY AMANDA CAIN
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With online peer-to-peer communication becoming more and more popular, the development and launch of the newest online social networking website for students couldn't come fast enough.

Operated by College.com, Limited Liability Company (LLC), and its corporate affiliates, College.com is a peer-centric network that connects students to their colleagues. What makes College.com different from the ever-so-popular Facebook and Myspace is the fact that only college undergraduates, college alumni, or graduate students from an institution of higher learning in the United States can join. The site is also intended solely for users who are sixteen years of age or older.

Because College.com is focused on the college population, the site offers a myriad of features that are both amusing and useful for students working towards a higher education. The website includes an academic area where students can post and find information about different courses at different schools; the site also allows students to rate their professors. The academics section of College.com is the perfect way for students to communicate, form friendships, and help each other outside of the classroom. There is also a feature called the "Daily Doink," where students can access strange or unique news for the day.

College.com is a great tool for Greek affiliates. Through College.com, Greek leaders can register their chapter and have the members of their society join online. Those interested in rushing the chapter can do so by submitting an interest inquiry. The Greek of the Week section features one sorority or fraternity member for all of College.com to see each Friday. The Greek of the Week is chosen based on their school, chapter, and community involvement.

Some other features of College.com include the whiteboard, where friends can leave messages or just say "hello." Students can keep a calendar on the website that they can update daily with assignments or social functions. Private or public journals, otherwise known as a blog, for students to write down their thoughts and opinions can also be kept under their profile. There is a place where members can post reviews on things such as movies, clubs, local establishments, and invitations to local events can be created. In the classifieds area, students can post advertisements for items they would like to sell. Along with posting an unlimited amount of pictures and videos, members of College.com can create groups to help bring people with common interests together over the web.

"Online peer-to-peer forums are a great way to stay connected to the people you don't get to see everyday. It's fun to leave messages for people and see pictures of your friends on their pages" said junior, Lauren Hudson.

College.com is aware of the danger of posting personal information online. There are a number of profile sections that members can hide from the public or block certain users from viewing. To register, all one needs is an .edu e-mail address. It is important, for college students especially, to stay connected both socially and academically, and College.com provides a secure place to do just that.

Hunger strikes at Saint Leo!

BY JESSICA O'KEEFE
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

A banquet, for most, means a plentiful meal. But for many, the only meal served is hunger.

According to *Oxfam.com* the root cause of hunger is not about a lack of food. Our planet produces enough food to feed every woman, man, and child. The problem is in the distribution of food, as well as in education, resources, and power. Therefore, in order to make the student body aware of these growing issues, the Saint Leo University Pride leadership class, with help from the class of 2011, will be running a Hunger Banquet sponsored by Sodexho in the Student Community Center on November 7 at 6 p.m.

Hunger Banquets are becoming quite popular across America. Many colleges and high schools have annual Hunger Banquets to raise awareness of poverty and homelessness, hoping to effect positive change in their students.

At the Saint Leo hunger banquet, students will be assigned roles as they enter the banquet; these roles represent different income levels around the world. What each person receives for dinner depends on the role they are playing, so while some have more than they can eat, others won't have enough to eat or any food at all. This is an interactive opportunity for people to see and feel effects of poverty first hand. It also offers the unique opportunity for them to take a problem and work together to generate solutions, stated at *Oxfam.com*.

There is no admission fee except an item or more of non-perishable food. Every year, Sodexho runs a food drive called Cans Across America and tries to beat the Guinness world record; all the food donated will contribute to this cause. Whichever group, Greek life, or club that brings the most items wins and gets an ad written up in the newspaper, paid for by the freshmen class.

Students who believe they can handle this challenge are encouraged to sign up. This event is sure to enhance students' knowledge of hunger, poverty, and homelessness in this country.

What Do You Know About Halloween?

BY CHRISTINE BARAS
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Staying Safe at Parties

Halloween is the time for crazy costumes, piles of candy, and parties. However, this craziness can come with many problems. Here are a few safety tips for older trick-or-treaters: be careful with alcoholic drinks, stay within shouting range of friends, and keep cell phones on. During Halloween, some drinks may be disguised under another name. Partiers should always make sure to know what they're drinking. They should also be within reach of their friends in case they need help. Just in case they are separated, trick-or-treaters should have a cell phone to call someone they trust. Halloween is a fun time and these safety tips can help keep it that way.

Halloween Party Ideas

Halloween is the time for parties. At these parties, many different games are planned. Some games include costume contests, door decorating contests, and a game called "Mystery Boxes." In these boxes, there are different spooky items such as eyeballs, hair, hands, brains made from diferent substances that will make the idea seem realistic. Another party idea for Halloween is to have a haunted mansion or haunted house. This keeps the guests on edge and is also fun to watch.

Where did Halloween come from?

The answer would be in Celtic Ireland Sundown on October 31 marked the end of the year and the beginning of the next. It was called *Samhain*, a holiday observed by Ancient Celts. During Samhain, the spirits of those who died the preceding year roamed around. In order to ward off said spirits, the Celts would offer them food and drink. They also built bonfires at sacred sites to perform rituals in honor of deities. Over the centuries, Samhain has been adopted and changed until it became what it is today.

Costume Ideas

Costumes are a big part of Halloween. Many of the costumes are based on movies, superheroes, and Disney characters. Many people like to dress up in scary costume such as devil costumes, ghosts, skeletons, witches, vampires, and grim reapers. Halloween can even be nerdy. Some people dress up as crazy laboratory doctors or nerdy cheerleaders. Halloween can be either goofy or scary.

Religious Customs

Many Christians believe in All Souls' Day, All Saints' Day, and All Hallow's Eve. On All Souls' Day, a prayer is said to respect non-saint Christians. All Saints' Day was created to pray for all the saints, since there were too many to fit on a calendar year. All Hallow's Eve is the evening before All Saints' Day. Satanists believe in recognizing Halloween as All Hallow's Eve rather than Halloween. Some Evangelist Christians believe in modifying Halloween, aiming parts of it aimed towards Christian ideas. One of these modifications is having a puppet show of a Christian theme instead of giving out candy.

Information gathered from http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761572070/Halloween.html

Arts & Entertainment

Doctor, I'm ready for my checkup now…

BY THOMAS SCAGLIONE III
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Saint Leo's Theatre group proved its genius once again with *The Good Doctor*, a play bursting with both sarcasm and wit.

Written by Neil Simon, but brought to life by the powerful performances of the SLU actors, *The Good Doctor* reveals the world of harsh truths and sad circumstances that haunt the mind of a troubled, alcoholic writer. As the lead, Nicholas Nunes captures the essence of his character perfectly and leaves the audience somewhere between a daydream and a Ray Bradbury book.

Joshua Porthouse, Daniel Losey, and Emily Belvo deliver perhaps the most notable performances of the evenings, although the entire cast was exceptionally talented.

The success of the nights can also be attributed to Director David A. McGinnis, who promises "new artistic leaps," which can only leave us with a lingering sense of anticipation for what's to come.

With multiple outstanding performances on October 19 and 20, SLU Theatre's cast and crew have left a permanent mark that surely lives up to the school's core values of excellence and personal development.

Photo graph by Brandy Scaglione
Nicholas Nunes as an author sharing his short stories.

Photo by Brandy Scaglione
Emily Belvo and Dan Losey in the sketch "Defenseless Creature."

Good Luck for *Good Luck Chuck*

BY ASHLEE MASULLO
Lions' Pride Entertainment Editor

Never before has Dane Cook been so wanted than in his latest romantic comedy, *Good Luck Chuck*, which opened in theatres on September 21, 2007.

Not only does Cook accomplish a task that every male could only wish to do, he does it without even thinking about it. Throughout the film, his character, Charlie "Chuck" Logan, is hit on by endless beautiful women all for one purpose: to get married.

When Chuck was ten, he refused to kiss a Goth chick. The Goth chick cursed him and told him every girl he sleeps with will break up with him and marry the next guy she dates. Unfortunately for Chuck, this really happens.

However, this doesn't really prove to be too terrible at first. What guy wouldn't want hundreds of beautiful girls to want to be with him? At least, that's what Chuck's best friend, a plastic surgeon named Stu, played by Dan Fogler, has to say about it. After a while, though, Chuck realizes what's happening and gets annoyed at the fact they're only dating him so they can marry someone else.

But, of course, like any good romantic comedy, there must be some beautiful and amazing girl who he falls in love with. Cam Wexler, played by none other than the beautiful Jessica Alba, is the lucky (no pun intended) contestant for his love. He tries absolutely everything to get the unwilling girl to go out with him and, later, to stay with him. He even dresses up like a penguin. How can a girl resist that?

Overall, this movie had some unexpected twists, including some unneeded and quite disturbing clips at the end of the movie concerning some "penguin love." In all actuality, although the hour and a half long *Good Luck Chuck* was rated R, it was just like any other romantic comedy that's ever been created. It's great for a few laughs, but it lacks any real depth. There are no current DVD release dates set for the film. But, if you're interested, you can still check it out at a theatre nearby.

Photograph by www.goodluckchuckthemovie.com
The official movie poster of *Good Luck Chuck*.

You don't know Jack about Halloween

BY THOMAS SCAGLIONE III
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Light the jack-o-lanterns, start the fog machines, and run for your lives! October has finally come and has brought a few *fiends* along for a scare!

Universal Studios welcomes the month of masks and mayhem with year 17 of Halloween Horror Nights (HHN). Universal stops at no costs to bring several masters of horror films to life, fully immersing patrons into the movies that have kept them hiding under their sheets at night.

Jack Schmidt, the infamous clown of nightmares, is catering this year's frights. In his fourth official take, HHN gives more insight into Jack's character as he brings his demented carnival of macabre and gore to town.

Partnering with New Line Cinema, Jack's *Carnival of Carnage* features headliners Freddy Krueger (*Nightmare on Elm Street*), Jason Voorhees (*Friday the 13th*), and Leatherface (*Texas Chainsaw Massacre*).

Featuring eight amazing houses, four brand new shows, and the largest scare zone known to Orlando, this year's event is sure to thrill even the most die-hard Halloween fan.

HHN is an event that will definitely take at least two nights to finish, so the best bet is to buy a Frequent Fear Pass, which will allow several returns on select nights.

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
Freddy Krueger's hover over you at Halloween Horror Nights.

If, however, one is only able to go one night, then definitely check out the Dead Silence House, the Rocky Horror Picture Show, and Bill and Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure.

If unable to handle the frights of the professional Halloween Florida event, then perhaps Busch Garden's Howl-o-Scream is more on track.

This year's theme is the Death Jockey, an albino DJ who is picked on in school for his appearance and taste in rap/techno music. Through a freak accident involving lightning and earphones, the Jockey is horribly disfigured and vows revenge against all those that wouldn't listen to his music.

Although Howl-o-Scream's houses lacked a consistency within their themes and relied too much on cluttered props, they did a fairly decent job of creating a unique environment that will surely be remembered.

Busch Gardens' event will allow patrons to experience most, if not all, of the houses and shows in a single night, but they will have to put up with middle school children that are running around with no supervision and adding more chaos to the scene than the scare actors.

If time, however, does become an issue, one would not want to miss the After Hours and the Taste of Blood Houses. The Sweet Dreams Show is to be avoided at whatever possible cost, unless the audience is tone deaf or easily amused. Instead, head on over to Fiends, a show that delivers half-clothed dancers and highly enthusiastic actors.

With events like these competing for the same audiences, it is important to remember, "you get what you pay for!"…and Jack promises to make us pay dearly!

Photograph by Brandy Scaglione
The most of the classical movie monsters and place a comedic twist.

Question of the week:

There's 30 cents and one of the coins isn't a nickel. What are the coins?

Check out the answer in the next issue!

Last issue's answer: A stamp.

Have the answer? Have a question you want to post? Write to us! You could be in the paper! Contact us at: lions.pride@saintleo.edu

Breaking news for Game of the Year candidate

BY MICHEAL DOWDAL
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Super Smash Bros. Brawl was recently featured in a previous article of *The Lions' Pride* one month ago reporting on the upcoming games of this winter season.

Sadly, for fans of the series, it was announced that the game will be delayed until February. A dismayed community watched as the announcement was made in a series of conferences held by Nintendo. Citing a need to "fine tune Smash Bros," Nintendo of Japan President, Satoru Iwata, first announced the Japanese delay, stating that "our local subsidiaries will make their own announcements" regarding the North American release date.

Within days of the Japanese delay, the North American delay was announced on Smash Bros. DOJO, the official Smash Bros. website.

"I can't even believe they pushed this game back. I've been looking forward to this game for the last year and a half, and already had it pre-ordered," freshman Mitch Demarty exclaimed.

Lead developer, Masahiro Sakurai, attempted to woo fans from a potential backlash, stating on the official Smash Bros. website that "I know that many of you will be disappointed...Please understand that the extra development time will enable us to make the game the best it can be."

Aside from the bad news, several new features were announced that will greatly enhance gameplay. The most significant being the inclusion of a cooperative two-player game mode, the likes of which has not been seen in a Smash Bros. Game. This new feature will allow two players to compete in the game's story mode, The Subspace Emissary, simultaneously.

"It'll be really cool to play two player co-op in Smash Bros. I'm getting tired of always fighting my friends," said sophomore Ryan George.

However, the biggest announcement thus far is perhaps the latest character announcement. *Super Smash Bros.* to this date has only featured Nintendo characters, but the first trailer for Brawl revealed that Solid Snake, star of Konami's *Metal Gear Solid* Series would be appearing in Brawl, making him the first character from another company to appear in the franchise.

Despite the debates that plagued the Internet community about potential characters, a new third-party character was announced. A recent update to the official website showed that a new character was to enter the Brawl, a character fans have been waiting for for years: Sonic the Hedgehog. A short 40-second video introduced Sonic into the Smash environment in much the same way that Snake was introduced. And, almost immediately, the Internet community began buzzing with excitement.

Junior Katie Brian stated, "Am I stoked about Sonic being in *Brawl*? Let me ask you: Who isn't?"

Since the early '90s, Sonic the Hedgehog has wowed gaming fans everywhere. Sonic was developed by software company Sega as an answer to Mario, the mascot of Nintendo. At the time, Sega was also a hardware developer, and its systems were in direct competition with Nintendo's consoles. During the '90s, Sega gave Nintendo a run for its money, boasting superior sales for years before going bankrupt in the early 2000s. Since then, Sega has been merely a software developer. And, it wasn't long before Sonic titles began appearing on other consoles, including the Nintendo Gamecube.

This year, the question of Sonic and Mario appearing in a game together was answered with the premiere of Mario & Sonic at the Olympic Games. However, rabid Smash fans have been craving a Sonic appearance for years. Finally, their craving will be subsided.

"If anything could hold me over until February, Sonic will. It'll be worth the wait," stated Brian. Pending no further delays, Super Smash Bros. Brawl will be released February 10, 2008.

Hide...and go seek *The Seeker*

BY THOMAS SCAGLIONE III
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

A magical, misunderstood British youth discovers he is the only one that can save the world from an evil who threatens life as we know it. Is it another *Harry Potter* movie? Or perhaps a new twist on the highly anticipated *Golden Compass* film adaptation? No, it's *The Seeker: The Dark is Rising*!

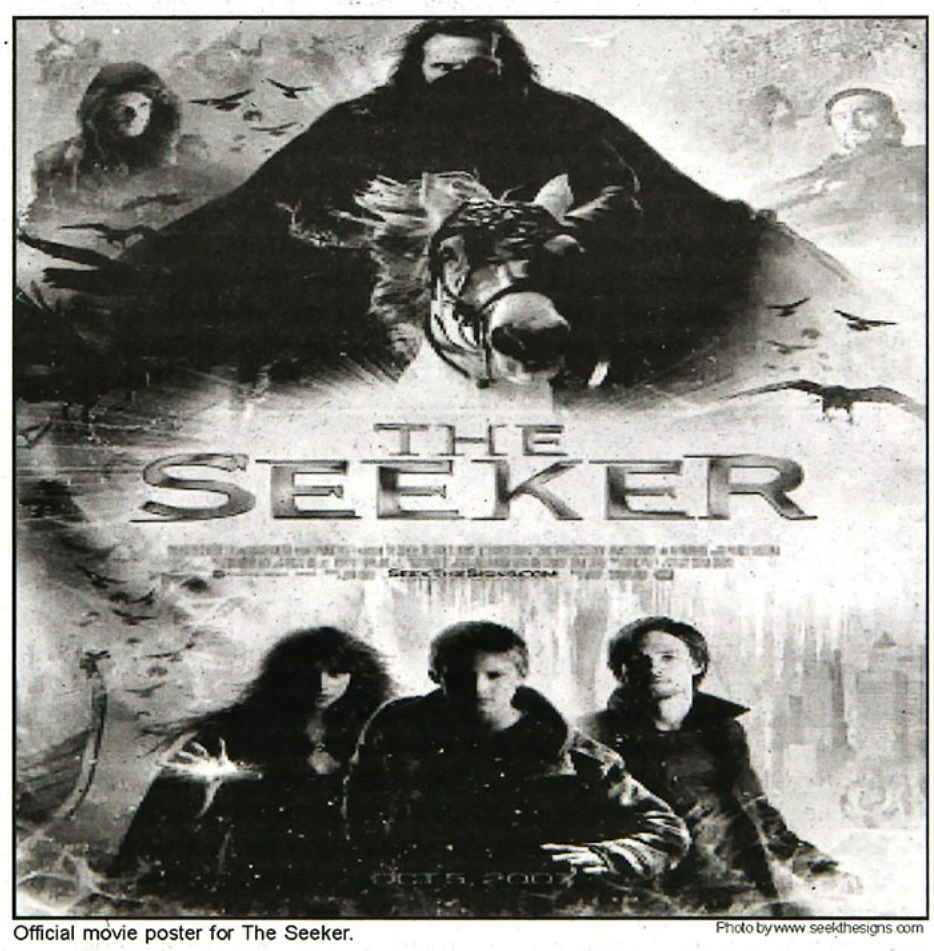
Don't worry; it's very difficult to distinguish between these all too familiar fantasy epics. It's a wonder they haven't mixed all of these tales together and sold the rights (and the essence of any lingering creativity) to the Disney Corporation yet.

The Seeker describes the personal journey of Will Stanton (Alexander Ludwig) as he learns of his special ability to walk through time. He must face his inner demons and summon his strengths to fight The Rider (Christopher Eccleston) whose Darkness threatens the world which now dwells in The Light. In order to do this, he must seek six signs that have been hidden in the fabric of time and space and use their combined powers against evil.

At first glance, it's no wonder why "The Dark is rising." The towering box office giants of its cinema predecessors obviously overshadow the film. It would have been amazing, had it not been for a few minor details. The writer desperately needs a thesaurus on her bookshelf to give the characters and elements of the story more life. Let's face it; "the Rider" isn't exactly Shakespeare.

The special effects are the prime reason to go see the film. Fans of the *Underworld*, *Harry Potter*, or *Blade* series will not be disappointed. Abstract camera angles allow the movie to take on a more artistic approach. However, it can leave you lost in the scene or perhaps dizzy with a slightly emptier stomach and an after-taste of whatever you last ate.

The Seeker is a great luxury if one has a day of boredom in the future or an extra eight bucks burning in his wallet. The film lasts about 94 minutes and was released on October 5, 2007.



Official movie poster for The Seeker. Photo by www.seekthesigns.com

Calendar of Events for November 2007

Coffeehouse Plays
Dates: November 6 at 5 p.m.
Location: Selby Auditorium
Price and Contact: Free. Contact Dr. Kurt Wilt at kurt.wilt@saintleo.edu

Fall Leadership Retreat
Dates: November 11, all day until 4 p.m.
Location: The Student Community Center
Price and Contact: Free. Contact Justin Donnelly at justin.donnelly@saintleo.edu

Community Service Day
Dates: November 12, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Campus wide.
Price and Contact: Free. Come and help out those in need! Contact your RA or teacher for more information.

Busch Garden's Howl-O-Scream
Dates: Oct. 5-28
Location: Busch Gardens in Tampa
Price and Contact: Tickets in Advance: Saturdays: $49.95 All other nights:$44.95 With savings up to $15. Recurring Nightmare Pass Valid for unlimited event admission, excluding Freaky Preview and Saturdays: $59.95. Thrills & Chills Weekend Pass Valid for one weekend (Thursday through Sunday) of unlimited day and Howl-O-Scream event admission: $79.95 Check out the website for tickets and info: http://www.howl-o-scream.com
*****Oct. 26 is sophomore and junior Trip*****

Universal Studio's Halloween Horror Nights
Dates: October 11-14, 18-21, 24-28, 31, November 1-3
Event Hours: 6:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. on October 12, 13, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
All other event nights: 6:30 p.m. – 12 a.m.
Event operates rain or shine
Location: Universal Studios Orlando
Price and contact: General admission is $64.95+tax the day of event. Florida residents save up to $30 in advance with a Coca-Cola® product. Unlimited nights Sundays through Thursdays: $64.95+tax. Info and tickets available online: www.halloweenhorrornights.com

Jane Eyre
By Polly Teale
Dates: October 25-November 11, 2007
Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.
Location: Gorilla Theatre, 4419 N. Hubert Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33614
Price and Contact: Full price: $20 Thur., $25 Fri, Sat, Sun
Seniors and Students: $15 Thur., $20 Fri, Sat, Sun
Student rush $10, 30 min before the show when available
First year college students FREE (subject to availability)
RESERVATIONS: 813-879-2914 or www.gorillatheatre.com

Sports

SLU player, now a SLU coach

CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

A year ago Tommy Poston was playing against conference teams with the Saint Leo men's soccer team; now he has taken his place next to Head Coach Ged O'Connor on the sidelines with the women's team.

Photo Credit: Carlson Photos
Heart of a player

Poston had a three year playing career with the men's team, including the 2005 Sunshine State Conference win. Graduating with a degree in psychology in 2007, Poston has a solid coaching background within Pasco County coaching youth club teams. Poston has now advanced to the task of assisting in the progress of the women's program.

"Coach Tommy has come in and done a good job. There were concerns about him being a player, but he quickly gained the respect of the team," said Coach O'Connor.

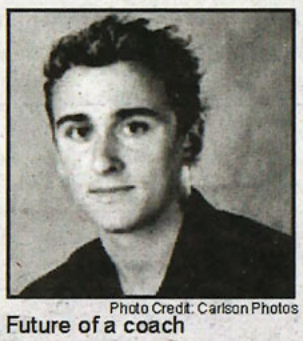


Photo Credit: Carlson Photos
Future of a coach

Coach O'Connor is not the only one happy to welcome Poston to the coaching staff in September of this year. The team, much of whom had known him as a player before a coach, are also satisfied with the guidance Poston has provided them.

"I think he came into the situation with a positive and professional attitude and has worked hard to maintain that, but still gain the trust of the girls. He has made himself distinct as a coach not just as a friend," said senior defensemen, Virginia Davenport.

After taking on such diverse tasks with his past teams, Poston was granted the opportunity to return to school he felt was continuing to flourish in the athletic department.

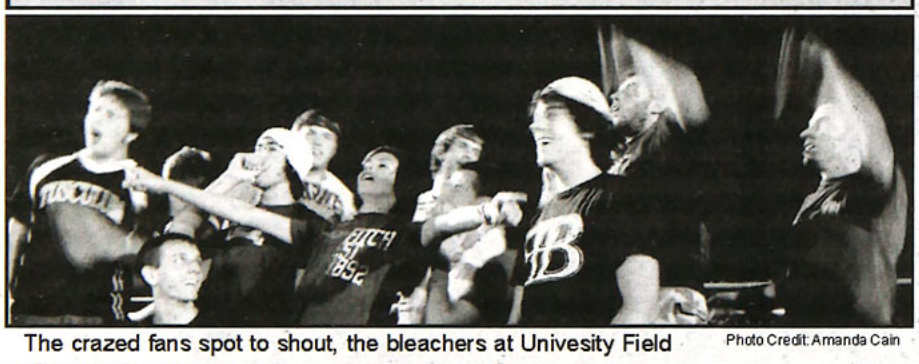
"I was very eager and interested when the opportunity arose for me to coach the women's team. The program he has developed faster than any other sporting program at Saint Leo," said Poston.

Starting with a team on the rise, especially after the big win against University of Tampa, Poston feels honored to be participating in a growing program with a group of great athletes.

"I see them as college soccer players and not girl soccer players, and I think by having such a philosophy only enhances the team's attitude," said Poston.

Off to such a good start as part of the Saint Leo coaching staff, Poston aims to have all his coaching badges within three years.

"Having all my coaching badges would put me up there with the highest standard of soccer coaching in the U.S. and Europe," said Poston.


The crazed fans spot to shout, the bleachers at Univesity Field Photo Credit: Amanda Cain

FINALLY!

AMANDA CAIN
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

As the end of the season nears, the Saint Leo University (SLU) womens' soccer team faced one of their biggest rivals, the University of Tampa (UT), on Wednesday, October 17.

The stage had been set for one of the most anticipated matches of the season. The opposition between Saint Leo University and the University of Tampa runs deep, and each year grows more intense. Although SLU has never in the program's history defeated UT, past games between the two teams proves the lady Lions' time is soon to come.

During regular season play in 2006, SLU took on UT at home. After two 45-minute regulation halves and a score of 1-1, the teams entered overtime. The game winning goal was scored in the second overtime period by Tampa at the 105:08 mark leaving the home team frustrated but not disheartened. The Lions faced Tampa again in the Sunshine State Conference Tournament Final in one of the most exciting and heartbreaking games in the team's history.

After leading 2-0 in the first 12 minutes of the game, hopes were high throughout the Lions squad that this would be the year to take down Tampa. By halftime, the Spartans evened the score 2-2 and by the end of the second half, the score was tied 3-3. Saint Leo fell to Tampa by a score of 4-3 in double-overtime. With both teams leaving everything on the field, the game was over with Tampa, once again, walking away victorious.

Women's soccer takes overdue win

It seems the story has always been the same with the lady Spartans triumphant over the Lions.

"It's tough walking away with a loss five times in a row. To be honest, when we were leading 2-0 last year I thought we finally had it", said returning senior, Virginia Davenport.

The girls were determined that this year was going to be different.

"The Tampa game is something that I know all the seniors have been waiting four years for. We have a talented team this year but haven't been consistent with our work ethic. If we come out ready to play from the beginning of the game we have a great chance to get a win this time. I don't think it's hard for the returning players to get their heads right for this game, I just hope the new girls understand how important this really is to us", said Davenport.

With a goal in mind and resolve in heart, the team walked into Tampa's Pepin Stadium ready to walk away with a win; and that is exactly what happened. After a grueling 90 minutes, the final whistle blew finalizing a score of 1-0 with returning senior Jennifer O'Connor scoring the winning penalty kick goal.

"It felt long overdue but worth the wait. Even though we were ahead I knew we had to fight even harder in the second half to maintain the lead," said O'Connor.

With the conference championship on the line, the team moves forward to play Barry in what will surely be a rousing game. Now there is only one thing on the Lady Lions' mind, "one more game, baby!"

CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

Fans gather in the stands at Saint Leo university field. While the game has already begun and the stands seem to be filled with spirit, a group of Saint Leo students swamp the upper left corner of the stands to begin their enthusiastic performance of school spirit. As the group begins their heckling, the home crowd sighs as if all is complete and now the game is on.

"It's not a game without those boys," said Rita Manguso, mother of Saint Leo women's keeper, Lauren Hudson. They make the games so much fun. I'm glad they will be here as long as I will be coming to watch my daughter."

While some of the opposing team's fans are not used to this kind of advanced spirit, home fans would not attend a game any other way. The group not only entertains the people in the stands, but encourages those on the field, without forgetting to practice Saint Leo core values.

"To know that you have fans that support you is a wonderful feeling. What we do as fans help boost the moral of our team and help them to perform the best they can," said, freshmen, Rob Vogel.

Saint Leo's fan base started with senior Connor Yates during his freshman year. A year later junior Ryan Poticny and Christopher McCaffrey joined with a few others. This year, a group of freshman have joined the founding fathers at every home game.

"When I came in 2005, I joined up with Connor and since then, we haven't missed a home game," said Poticny.

Clean humor, songs, and chants burst from the mouths of about a dozen students from all different classes. The group has several original chants constructed by the members, as well as things they have brought from their former high schools. A favorite among fans is a song called Bubbles, which is a song that came from former Futbol clubs in England.

"We sing a lot of different songs that supporters of Futbol clubs from England sing. Bubbles is a song that supporters sing when they are all hanging out together or when they are on their way to a match," said Poticny.

For other chants and cheers, fans of the fan club must visit every home soccer game boys or girls. So for now, "here's your famous, here's your famous, here's your famous SLU fans!"

Staghorns to earn spot in FLL

CAITLIN CRAFT
Lions' Pride Sports Editor

Sports fans can now see more than just Lions on campus. Fans should keep their eyes on the practice fields close to the Apartments because Saint Leo campus is home to the San Ann Staghorns, a student formed team approved by Florida Lacrosse League.

Gleaming in their light blue colors, the team is lead by captain and returning junior, Anthony Biondo. Along with assistance of team owner, junior David MacMillan and stick doctor, junior, Joe Espinosa the team grew into the 23 member squad that they have now.

"We started the team now because we felt it was a good time,"said Biondo. "We had enough numbers and the right people who wanted to play."

The team formed not to long after Fall semester began. The facebook group that Biondo has created was the first trace of the Staghorns. The next will be the team's first tournament took place at Eckerd on October 21-22. Soon after the tournament, the Staghorns will continue with their first season, taking on club teams based at University of South Florida, University of Tampa, and University of Florida.

Despite the fact this team is led and composed of similarly aged members, the team and its coach and owner seem to be getting along quite well. The Staghorns are all looking forward to the tournament and the rest of their season.

"It is hard to earn the respect of someone you don't know, and being the same age makes it even more difficult," said MacMillan. "Although this is a difficult thing to face, we really havent found any problems with it."

This student based team has simple expectations of playing the sport they love, the fastest game on two feet.